

County Correspondence

News of our neighboring villages as gleaned each week by our special staff of correspondents

ELWELL NEWS

By Our Own Correspondent

Will Crawford, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. H. B. Currence, told many interesting and yet terrible tales of war which came under his observation. Mr. Crawford is a citizen of Canada and has the opportunity of seeing a great deal of the effects of this great war. We read every day in the papers of the war, but the horrifying details we do not get. One incident which Mr. Crawford related was that of a woman whose husband had joined the ranks abroad, fighting for the mother country; she had not heard from him in some time and was becoming very anxious about his welfare, when one day she looked out the window and saw some men approaching the house carrying a basket with something apparently very heavy in it. She met them at the door and was told the man in the basket was her husband. The woman denied the fact, but much to her surprise the man, opened his eyes and called her by name, telling her it was true. She stood transfixed with horror; that sight, it dried up the fountain of her tears. She never wept again, her reason reeled upon the spot; she became an incurable maniac; and in her last moments she called out, and kept calling for her husband, in tones that drew tears from the hardest hearts. This is but one of the awful tales of war, and were we to enter the conflict, we might expect these terrible things in our own country. It will take the son whose budding manhood is the pride of many hearts, and tears him away with the prospect that he may never return, but die in a far land, cut down, like a brute, with no fond eye to weep his untimely end, and no kind hand to dress up his wounds or close his eyes, or perform for him the last sad offices of love. No pen has ever written a hundredth part of the sufferings that have been thus inflicted. Our hope to escape is that the leaders of our nation through their diplomacy may be able to steer us safely through to the shore of peace.

Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Shaffer of Detroit, formerly of Elm Hall, visited Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Taylor last Friday.

Mrs. Emma Baker was over Sunday guest at her home in Riverdale.

Mr. Dunn, our pastor, was entertained at the P. C. Collier home Sunday.

Allen Sadler of Alma spent over Sunday at his home on the farm.

Dorsey Sadler will work for Ash LaParish this summer.

Farmers in this vicinity are beginning to realize that the high cost of sugar is going to make it profitable for beet growers. Sugar is on the advance and the farmer who takes the advantage of the situation and raises beets this year will receive high price this fall.

Mrs. King, the floorwalker of the beauty, spent Sunday at her home in Riverdale.

Everett Courter, Miss Mildred and Leona Romine attended the show in Alma Monday evening.

Miss Mary Mallory was shopping in Alma Saturday.

Will Crawford, who was visiting his sister, Mrs. H. B. Currence, and who was called home by the serious illness of his son, Clinton, writes his son is much better and out of danger.

Mr. Longwood of St. Charles was an over Sunday guest at the Will Layman home.

Miss Iva Crum is still on the sick list.

B. A. Worthing and daughter, Lottie, and Miss Doris Shingluff went to Alma Monday evening to see Charlie Chaplin at the Genesta theatre.

Miss Hildreth Worthing remained over night with Miss Ora Culver Monday.

John McLaughlin was an over Sunday guest of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. McLaughlin.

Mrs. Emma Baker was an over Sunday guest at her home in Riverdale.

Attend church next Sunday.

F. E. Wright of Manton, who is taking bean contracts in this vicinity, for the Leonard Seed company of Chicago, has formed some interesting opinions concerning the outlook for next year's market. He says there is going to be the biggest acreage in history next year, owing to the fact that the prevailing high prices have made the farmers "bean mad," and that prices are bound to be lowered as the result. If the war closes between now and the time next year's crop is harvested, beans will not bring more than \$3.00 per bushel, according to Mr. Wright, who is in a position to forecast conditions pretty accurately. If the war continues, the price naturally will be somewhat higher, but Mr. Wright is not looking for a present prices are greatly at there.

Herbert and Charlie Humphrey are driving new Ford cars.

The New Idea club will meet Thursday with Mrs. Nettie Shingluff.

William Bartlett was a Forest Hill caller Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Waber and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Kelley were Alma callers Wednesday evening.

Charles Fisher was an Alma business caller Monday.

Mrs. Florence Webb and daughter, Mrs. Don Currence, spent the week end in Riverdale, the guests of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Currence were Alma business callers Saturday.

Mrs. Lyrinda Nelson and Mrs. Sadie Ingraham were Alma callers Monday.

Willie Crum is gaining rapidly from his recent illness.

E. Madden of St. Louis visited his mother, Mrs. Madden, at the R. J. Lathrop home Thursday.

Coni Romine, who has been working in Alma for the Republic Motor Truck company, returned home last week.

Mrs. Emory Wiley of Alma visited friends and relatives at this place Monday.

Coral Romine is confined to his home with illness.

Mrs. Bartlett of Alma and Mrs. Love of Flushing visited Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Currence Tuesday.

Maurie Shingluff was an Alma business caller Friday.

Mrs. Lyrinda Nelson and Mrs. Sadie Ingraham attended the dance in Riverdale Friday evening.

All roads lead to the western play to be given at the L. O. O. F. hall this Saturday evening.

Miss Nora Samain is visiting this week in Alma, a guest of the Misses Nelson.

Miss Ethel Miller of Alma was an over Sunday guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Miller.

Mr. Wacha spent Sunday in Beld.

Emory Wiley of Alma was an Elwell caller Saturday.

Charlie Doeland left for Greendale Monday, where he has a job of wood-luxing.

The Misses Edith Dorland and Grace Johnson called on Miss Alice and Iva Crum Sunday.

The Gleaner Aid met with Mrs. Albert Fisher last week; twelve members were present and four visitors.

Dinner was served by the hostess. All report the day very profitably spent.

Archie Hildreth has been confined to his home with tonsillitis.

Eugene Crum, who has been spending the winter with his brother, Delbert, has returned home.

The degree team practiced at the hall last Saturday evening. They were certainly a jolly bunch and demonstrated work.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley, who have been making their home with Mrs. Bradley's mother, Mrs. L. L. McJimmey, have rented the Will Gee house and have taken possession of the same.

Miss Mary Mallory, teacher of the Summer school, was an over Sunday guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mallory.

Miss Mayme Winn, teacher of the Poyer school, was an over Sunday guest of her mother in Alma.

Clarence Hanley was an over Sunday guest at the Elias Rockwell home.

Mrs. Homer Osborn has been quite ill for the past week.

Mrs. Marie Shingluff has become a member of the Rebekah degree team.

Miss Mary McNamara, carried off first honors and Miss Bula Rockwell second in the spelling contest between the Summer and Townsend schools last week.

Mrs. Myron Potter, who has been visiting friends and relatives in Ohio for some time, returned home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Aey Wiley are expected home from the west this spring.

Theo Greenhoe was a business caller in Vestaburg Monday.

Nelt Beeson and family were over Sunday guests of Mrs. Beeson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Goshorn.

William E. Crum, who has been visiting friends and relatives for the past two months in Ohio, returned home Monday.

H. B. Currence is soon to leave for Canada to visit William Crawford. Mr. Currence expects to purchase one or more sections of land.

The Ladies' Aid society met with Mrs. Ellis Potter last week Wednesday. Through the kindness of Mrs. Laura Fisher with their auto, a goodly number from here were able to attend. One of those excellent dinners was served. After the business hour, a social good time was enjoyed by all.

The Misses Nora Samain and Fern Nelson will assist in the entertainment to be given at Summer next Friday evening.

Elwell M. E. church, March 25, 1917. Morning service at 10:30. The subject for the morning service will be "Our Eternal Inheritance."

The Sunday Bible school at 11:30.

The evening service at 7:59. The theme will be "The Reckoning at Judgment." This is the last but one of the series of sermons on "Modern Christianity."

The Easter sermon will be the summary of them all, entitled "The Cross and the Crown."

Don't fail to see "The Daughter of the Desert," given by the young people Sunday.

RALPH M. DEAN.

Alma Bell phone 272.

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It was shown an entire week at the Broadway Strand in Detroit at 25, 35 and 50 cents.

"Wid's" Magazine, the "autocrat" of film critics, says: "You can count on 'The Witching Hour' as a production which will give general satisfaction and cause an unusual amount of discussion."

The New York Telegraph: "When the Roll of Honor of the genuinely excellent productions of 1916 is assembled, 'The Witching Hour' will be up among the leaders."

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On Sunday will also be shown the first chapter of the elaborate Vitagraph serial story

THE SECRET KINGDOM

Please Note—If you can possibly do so, come in the afternoon in order to secure desirable seats without waiting.

On Monday "The Witching Hour" will again be shown Chapter 14 of "LIBERTY."

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